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distance Telephone Company of Kansas City, and building east along the Missouri river, having now completed about one hundred and seventy-five miles metallic copper. My exchange includes some rural lines and mutuals, but the number of telephones reported as in operation belong to this exchange. We have some mutual farmers in our territory who are giving us some trouble, because we have to reach them through another exchange. They should be connected direct with our board, and we hope to make terms for this in a few days. They number, with their connections, about four hundred telephones.

I. 1.—*Home Telephone Co., Joplin, Mo.*—We have an interchange between four exchanges which belong to the same company in the same county. Our several exchanges are worked as one system. Subscribers in one locality have free access to the telephones in the other. This is an error, and should be corrected, as no free exchange should be permitted between exchanges without a small fee, from the fact that the lines are kept so busy by unimportant communications. It is therefore impossible to give as high a class of service as if there was a small charge made.

J. 1.—*Consolidated Telephone Company, W. Va.*—Rates charged for farmers or rural systems owning their own plant, \$5 per annum.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

	NAME OF				
	Fairmont, W. Va.	Clarksburg, W. Va.	Salem, W. Va.	Shinnston, W. Va.	Mannington, W. Va.
Population.,	12,000	12,000	2,000	1,000	2,500
Our telephones. . . .	650	600	75	80	200
Bell "	400	400	300	.....	50
Our rates, B.	\$30.00 & \$36.00	\$30.00 & \$36.00	\$25.00	.....	\$30.00 & \$36.00
" R	\$15.00 & \$20.00	\$15.00 & \$20.00	\$20.00	.....	\$15.00 & \$20.00
Bell rates, B.	\$24.00 & \$47.00	\$24.00 & \$47.00	\$25.00	.....	\$24.00 & \$47.00
" R.	\$12.00 & \$27.00	\$12.00 & \$27.00	\$20.00	.....	\$12.00 & \$27.00
Type of system. . . .	Magneto.	Magneto.	Magneto.	Magneto.	Magneto.

K. 1.—*West Virginia Western Telephone Co., W. Va.*—Country systems where not fully developed cost \$172 per telephone. On farmers' party lines have 8 to 12 telephones per line, rate based on distance from local exchange. We interchange with thirty-one (31) companies in state of West Virginia, and connect with United States Long-distance Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, giving service throughout Ohio, Indiana and all other United States territory. Operators in rural exchanges are paid \$20 to \$25 per month.

The city of Parkersburg comprises the largest exchange we have on our system, and is one of the most complete and up-to-date small telephone plants in the United States. The cable equipment being of the John A. Roebling's Sons Co., of Trenton, N.J., make. The switchboard and telephones are all of the Stromberg-Carlson Tele. Mfg. Co. make, of Rochester, N.Y. All of the wire, both interior and exterior, is of the Roebling make. We operate a number of small magneto exchanges outside of the city of Parkersburg. Our system began as a Farmers' Mutual Company, but was incorporated in 1895, and entered into the commercial field, and has been more than